finalise the list of essential drugs to be brought under the Drug Price Control Order;

(b) if so, what are the names and number of the members of the panel; and

(c) what are the terms of reference thereof and the time by when the panel is likely to submit its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. A Committee has been set up for the purpose.

(b) There are seven members in the Committee and their names are:—

1. Dr. Y.K. Alagh, . Chairman
2. Dr. Manubhai Patel . Member
   Drug Controller, Gujarat
3. Two representatives from the Ministry of Health Members
4. Prof. Ramalingaswamy. . Member
   Ex-Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research
5. Sh. M.S. Murthy, . Member
   Advisor (Chemicals)
6. Director (Drugs) Deptt. of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals Convenor

(c) The terms of reference of the Committee are to identify the essential drugs to be included in proposed Category-II.

Agitation against New Drug Policy

573. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the decision of the National Convention of the Indian Drug Industry to launch a country-wide agitation against the New Drug Policy;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the New Drug Policy gives advantage to multinationals in areas which were exclusively reserved for the indigenous industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Reports to this effect have appeared in the newspapers.

(b) and (c) It is incorrect to say that the new measures give any undue advantage of FERA Companies. The proposed agitation is uncalled for.

Health for all

574. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to ensure 'Health for all' by the year 2000 AD;

(b) whether Government have also decided to give highest priority to the maintenance of high standards of quality of pharmaceutical products;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to establish a National Drugs and Pharmatical Authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) Details are contained in the booklet entitled "Measures for rationalisatio Quality Control and growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India" copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) Yes, Sir.